

Town of Buffalo
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 14th, 2019
@ 7:00 p.m.
Buffalo Town Hall

Present-Scott Kempley, Roger Wallis, Jan Banicki & Jean Rataczak & Laurie Beahm
Others Present-5

The Regular Town board meeting was called to order @ 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance
Motion to approve the agenda by Jan Banicki
Second by Roger Wallis

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried

The board reviewed the September 2019 minutes. Motion to approve the September minutes, by Roger Wallis
Second by Scott Kempley
IN FAVOR-2 OPPOSED-0 ABSTAIN-1 Motion Carried.

The Clerk & Treasurer gave the financial reports.

Motion to approve the financial reports as read by Jan Banicki. Second by Roger Wallis.

IN FAVOR – 2 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried

The Treasurer-Jean Rataczak reported that the Fire Fund CD is coming due. Fortifi bank would do an 11 month cd at 2.25%. Motion to go ahead a renew the cd by Jan Banicki. Second by Roger Wallis.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried.

The board reviewed 3 building permits for the month.

The board reviewed the vouchers presented.

Motion to approve the vouchers as presented by Roger Wallis

Second by Jan Banicki

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The board gave an update on the cemeteries in the township. The board discussed the request for 2 burials in the cemeteries in the township. The board decided to hold a special meeting on Monday October 21st to do a resolution allowing the burials in the cemeteries that were requested. The lots are already owned by the people requesting the permission. The board will keep working on the ordinance for the cemeteries as soon as possible. The BOA will hold a public hearing on November 7th do make the decision on separating the church from the cemetery. This will need to be done in order to let the Friends of John Muir take over the church.

The board discussed the railroad bridge on 16th road. Scott Kempley gave an update on the bridge. The chairman and the town attorney Mr Charles Church attended a meeting to hear about a new project called the MLS project. This is a project that would help possibly fund the repair or rebuild of the railroad bridge on 16th road. The board discussed this project and a motion was made by Roger Wallis to ask Bryan Trebiatowski to help the town start the application. Second by Jan Banicki.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Rural Insurance did a presentation on the new quote for the towns Insurances. The board listened and asked questions regarding the quote. There was a motion by Jan Banicki to add the insurance discussion to the Special meeting agenda on Monday night 10/21/2019. The decision on who will be awarded the Insurance for the Town for next year will be decided at that meeting. Second by Roger Wallis.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried.

The board discussed the Variance for the U.P. church. The chairman read the request of the Variance to split off the church from the cemetery. There was a motion by Scott Kempley to move the variance request on to the board of Appeals as being approved by the board. Second by Roger Wallis.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried

The chairman stated that the Rezone request for Gary Napralla was tabled by the Land Use Committee-They will meet again in December to review the request and make a recommendation to the town board.

The board discussed changing the Land Use Committee meeting to the first Wednesday of the month to accommodate the schedule of the new Land Use Chairman. Motion by Jan Banicki to move the Regular Land Use Committee meetings to the first Wednesday of every month as needed. Second by Roger Wallis.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED

The Public Budget Hearing will be held on November 18th at 7:00 p.m. before the Regular Town Board meeting.

The Board will meet on Thursday November 21st at 6:00 p.m. to Adopt the Levy and set the mill rate.

CITIZENS & BOARD CONCERNS

The clerk read an article out of the monthly Towns association magazine. Reminded the board members that there are lots of good articles every month that should be read.

Shane Dedrick asked about filling the bad potholes with cold patch and could it be done by the citizens? It was suggested to keep a spreadsheet with the list of all of the potholes that are reported so that the board had a better idea about what is fixed and what isn't. Would be an easy way of tracking how long it is lasting.

Shane Dedrick asked about doing garbage citations. He has many concerns regarding the enforcement of the towns Chapter #9. He asked about why it was voted down to do ordinance regarding burning. This is due to his concern about close proximity burning to other people's homes. The board stated that they would look in to doing an ordinance and to working on a citation process

Upcoming meeting dates:

1. Monday October 21st, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m. Special Cemetery & Insurance meeting
2. Thursday November 7th, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m. BOA-Variance for Church
3. Monday November 18th, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m. Public Budget Hearing
4. Monday November 18th, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m. Regular Town Board Meeting
5. Thursday November 21st, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m. Adopt Levy

Motion to Adjourn by Jan Banicki Second by Roger Wallis

IN FAVOR- 3 OPPOSED- 0 MOTION CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED